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BONNIE TELLS HER STORY AS A **SEEING EYE DOG**

I AM BONNIE, A
SEEING EYE DOG! I HAVE
AN IMPORTANT MISSION IN LIFE,
READ ON AND LEARN ALL
ABOUT IT.



THROUGH THE AGES, DOGS HAVE EARNED AN ENVIABLE REPUTATION AS "MAN'S BEST FRIEND." TODAY'S **SEEING EYE DOG** CONTINUES TO FOLLOW THE TRADITIONS OF HIS ANCIENT ANCESTORS... GOING BACK TO PREHISTORIC TIMES, WE FIND HIM TAKING PART IN...

... THE HUNT...



... JUST AS HE HUNTS WITH HIS PRESENT-DAY MASTER.



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HE HAS BEEN
THE GUARDIAN
OF SHEEP
AND CATTLE
SINCE THE
BEGINNING OF
HISTORY...



AND IN COUNTLESS
HOMES TODAY HE
WARNS PROWLERS
TO BE ON THEIR
WAY...

OH, OH, THIS IS NO
PLACE FOR ME!

GROWW!
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ROWW!

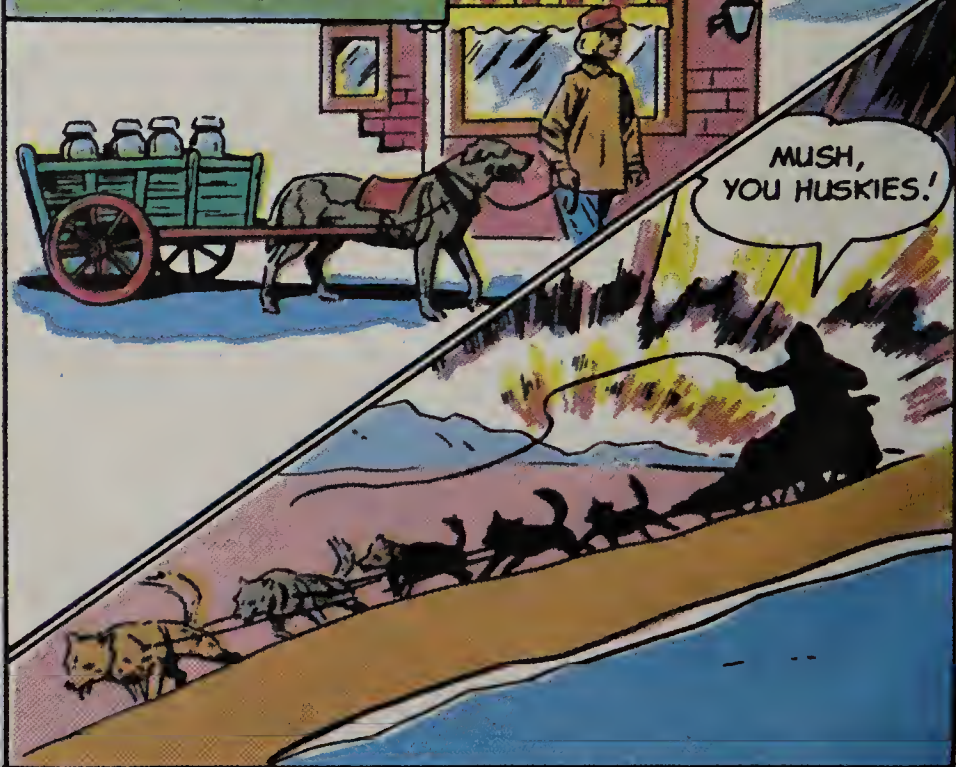


HIS KEEN SENSES HAVE HELPED
IN WAR TIME.



HIS STAMINA HAS BEEN USED TO ADVANTAGE IN MANY
PARTS OF THE WORLD.

MUSH,
YOU HUSKIES!

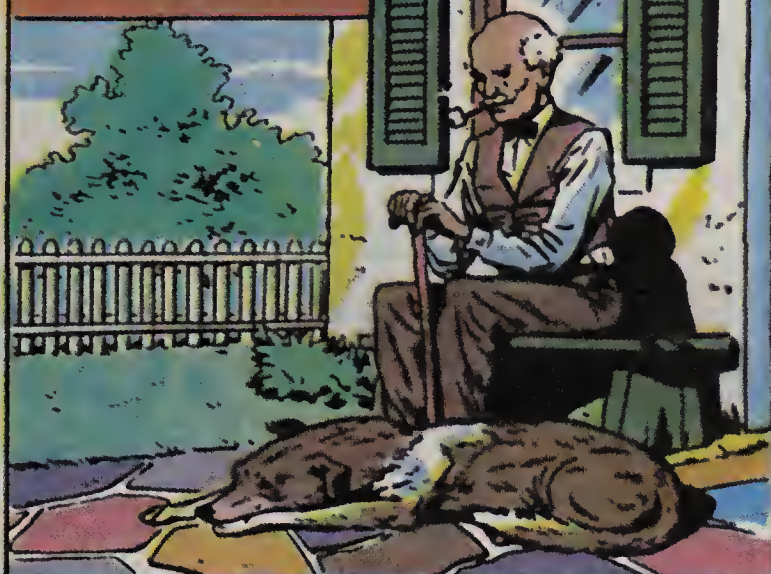


AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PLAYMATE AND COMPANION...

TO THE YOUNG...



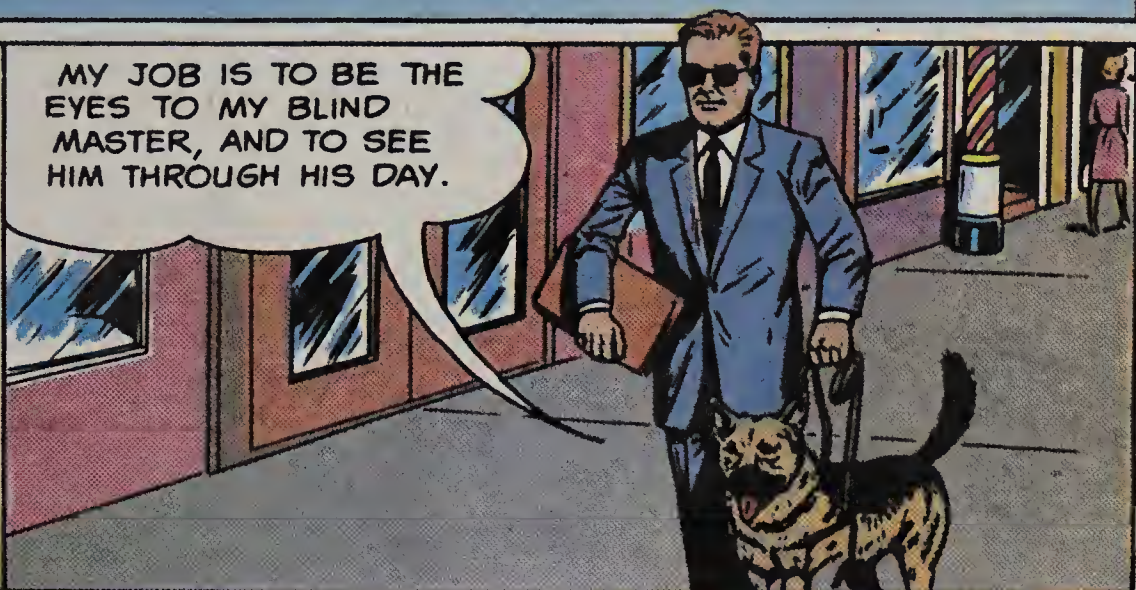
TO THE ELDERLY!



BECAUSE OF DOG'S CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH MAN FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, HIS LOVE AND RESPECT HAVE DEVELOPED HIM INTO THE MOST RELIABLE OF MAN'S FOUR-LEGGED COMPANIONS.

WE RETURN TO BONNIE, OUR **SEEING EYE DOG**... HAVING BEEN BORN TO SERVE MAN IN A MOST IMPORTANT LIFE'S WORK, SHE CONTINUES HER STORY IN HER OWN WORDS...

MY JOB IS TO BE THE EYES TO MY BLIND MASTER, AND TO SEE HIM THROUGH HIS DAY.



"I TAKE HIM TO WORK AND TO ANY PLACE HE WISHES TO GO."

ON TIME AGAIN... BONNIE, LEFT!

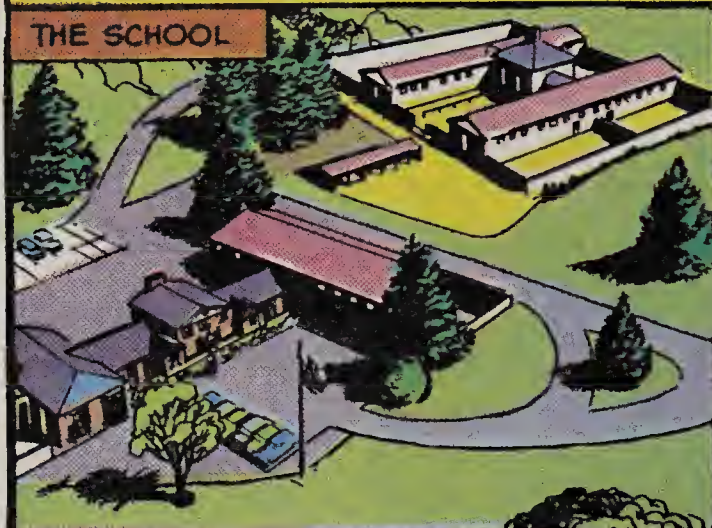


"I'LL BE
NEAR HIM
ALWAYS!
READY TO
HELP HIM
AS LONG
AS I
MAY LIVE!"



"LET'S GO BACK TO WHEN IT ALL BEGAN — A LITTLE OVER A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. I WAS BORN AT THE **SEEING EYE** BREEDING FARM, FIFTEEN MILES FROM WHERE THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED IN **MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY**. THIS IS THE **ONLY** PLACE WHERE **SEEING EYE** DOGS CAN BE OBTAINED.

THE SCHOOL



THE BREEDING FARM



THE SEEING EYE, INC., IS A NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY, FOUNDED IN 1929 BY DOROTHY HARRISON EUSTIS, SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF BREEDING, RAISING, AND TRAINING DOGS TO GUIDE BLIND PERSONS, AND TO TEACH THE BLIND TO WORK WITH DOGS.

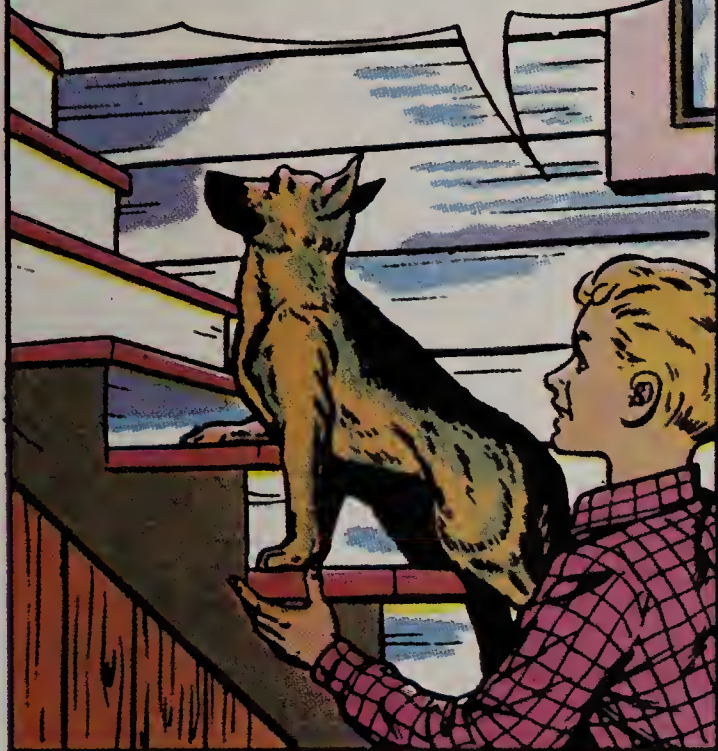
"WHEN I WAS THREE MONTHS OLD I WAS SENT TO BILL, A 4-H CLUB BOY IN NEW JERSEY, TO BE RAISED UNTIL I WAS OLD ENOUGH TO LEARN MY JOB. BILL BECAME MY FIRST PAL AND COUNSELOR. HE TAUGHT ME MY A-B-C'S: AFFECTION, BEHAVIOR AND COURTESY."



"I LEARNED A LOT AROUND THE FARM. BILL WAS A GOOD COUNSELOR...

SUCH SIMPLE THINGS AS CLIMBING STAIRS...

YOU'LL HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO CLIMB THOSE STAIRS, BONNIE, IF YOU WANT TO LIVE WITH PEOPLE.



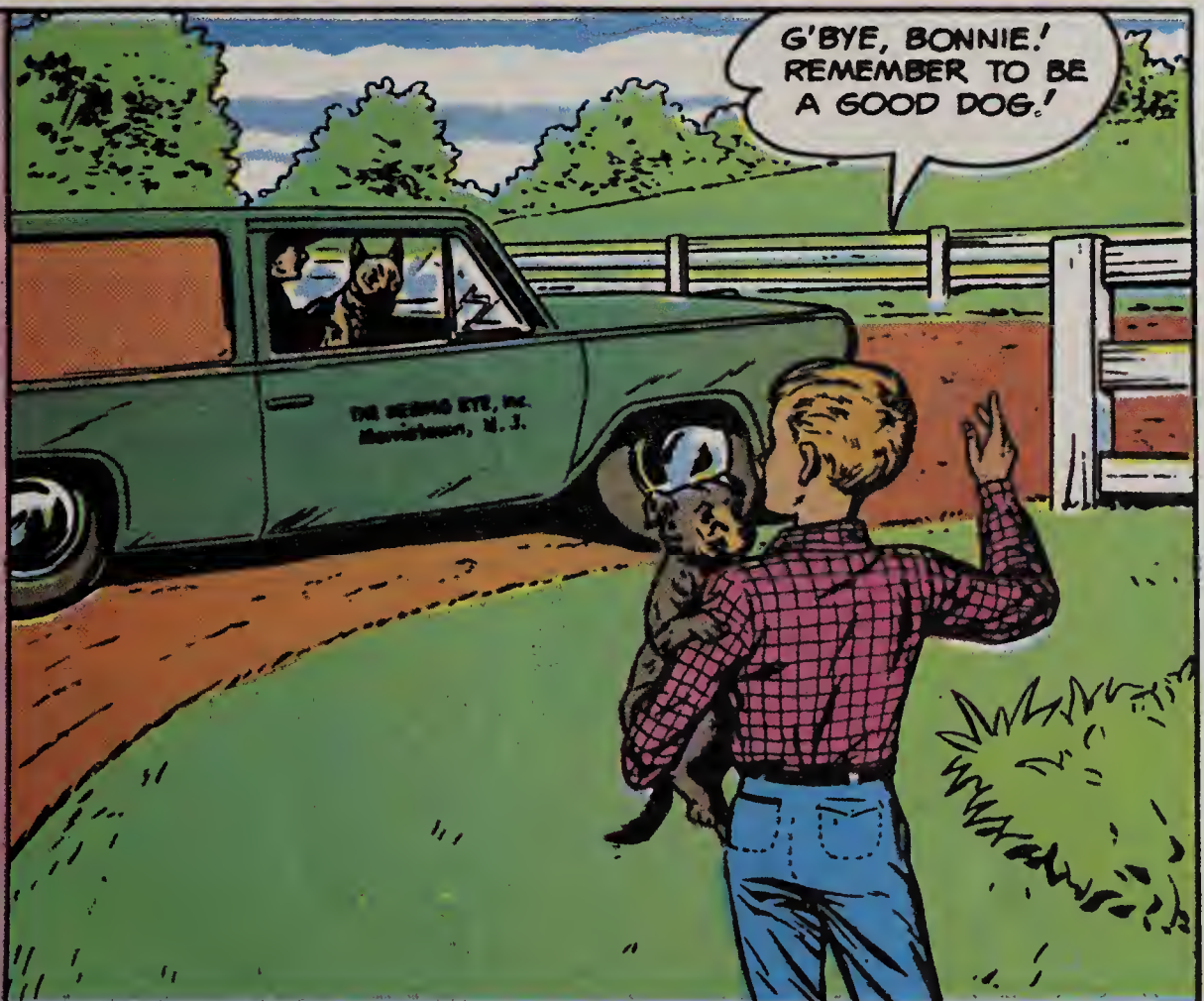
...TO LEARN TO BE CAREFUL AROUND DANGEROUS THINGS.

WATCH OUT FOR THOSE WHEELS.



"TIME WENT BY FAST DURING THAT YEAR WITH BILL. BEFORE I REALIZED IT, I WAS A FULL-GROWN DOG READY FOR WHATEVER LIFE HELD IN STORE FOR ME.

"THE SEEING EYE MAN CAME TO TAKE ME BACK TO MORRISTOWN FOR MY FORMAL TRAINING. HE LEFT ANOTHER PUPPY WITH BILL TO TAKE MY PLACE."



"AT THE SCHOOL I MET MANY OTHER DOGS, MOST OF THEM GERMAN SHEPHERDS LIKE ME. WE WERE ASSIGNED TO OUR INSTRUCTORS."



"IT WAS HERE THAT I LEARNED THAT MANY BLIND MEN AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE CHANCE TO ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE AND A CHANCE TO LIVE A USEFUL LIFE THROUGH *THE SEEING EYE*."

"BLIND PERSONS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE ARE BEING AIDED... IN BUSINESS..."



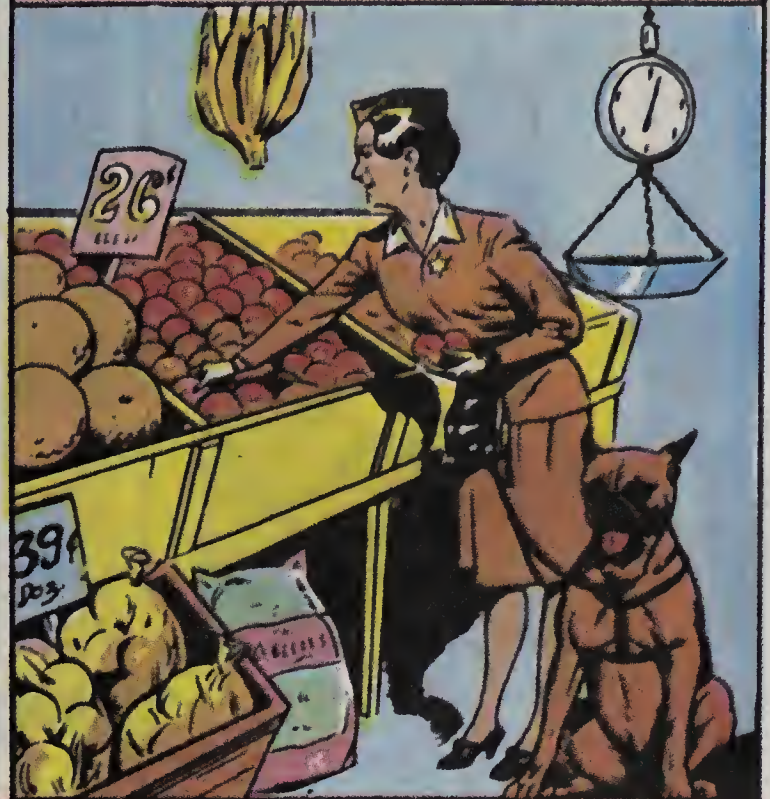
"...IN THE FACTORY..."



...AT COLLEGE...



... AS WELL AS EVERYDAY LIFE."



SEEING EYE GRADUATES ARE WORKING AS NEWSPAPER REPORTERS, TEACHERS, LAWYERS, TYPISTS, MUSICIANS, CLERGYMEN, AND IN MANY OTHER USEFUL OCCUPATIONS.

"TO GET ON WITH MY STORY... AT THE SCHOOL MY TRAINING BEGAN IN EARNEST. MY TRAINER STARTED BY TEACHING ME TO OBEY SIMPLE COMMANDS LIKE ...



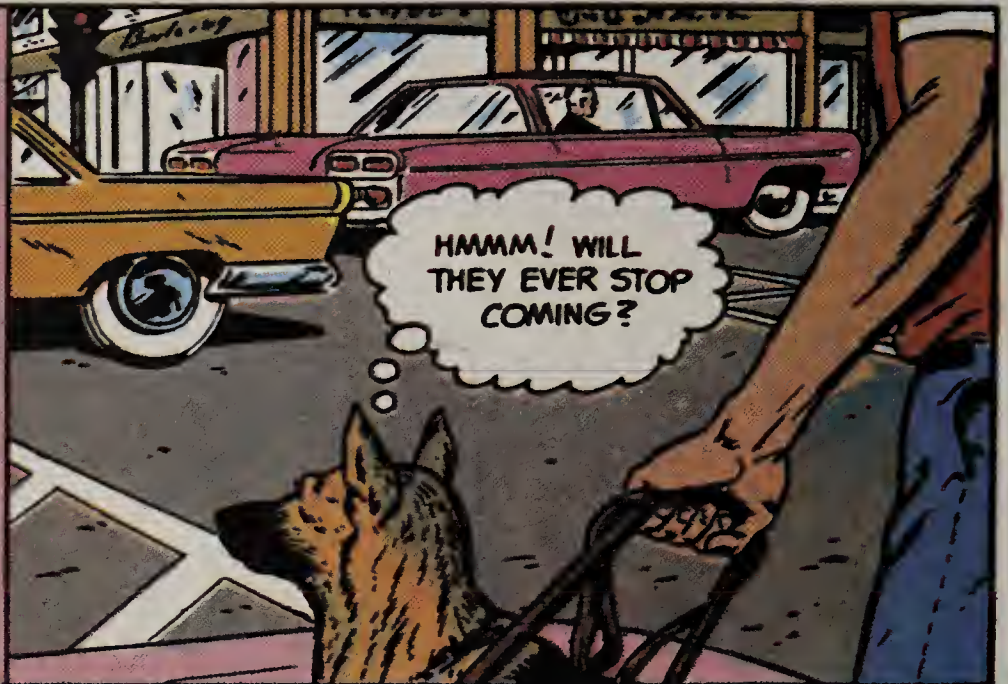
"I WAS TAUGHT TO GUIDE A MAN FROM HIS LEFT SIDE.



"SOON I WAS TAKING MY TRAINER INTO TOWN. HE PRETENDED TO BE BLIND. I LED HIM EVERYWHERE.



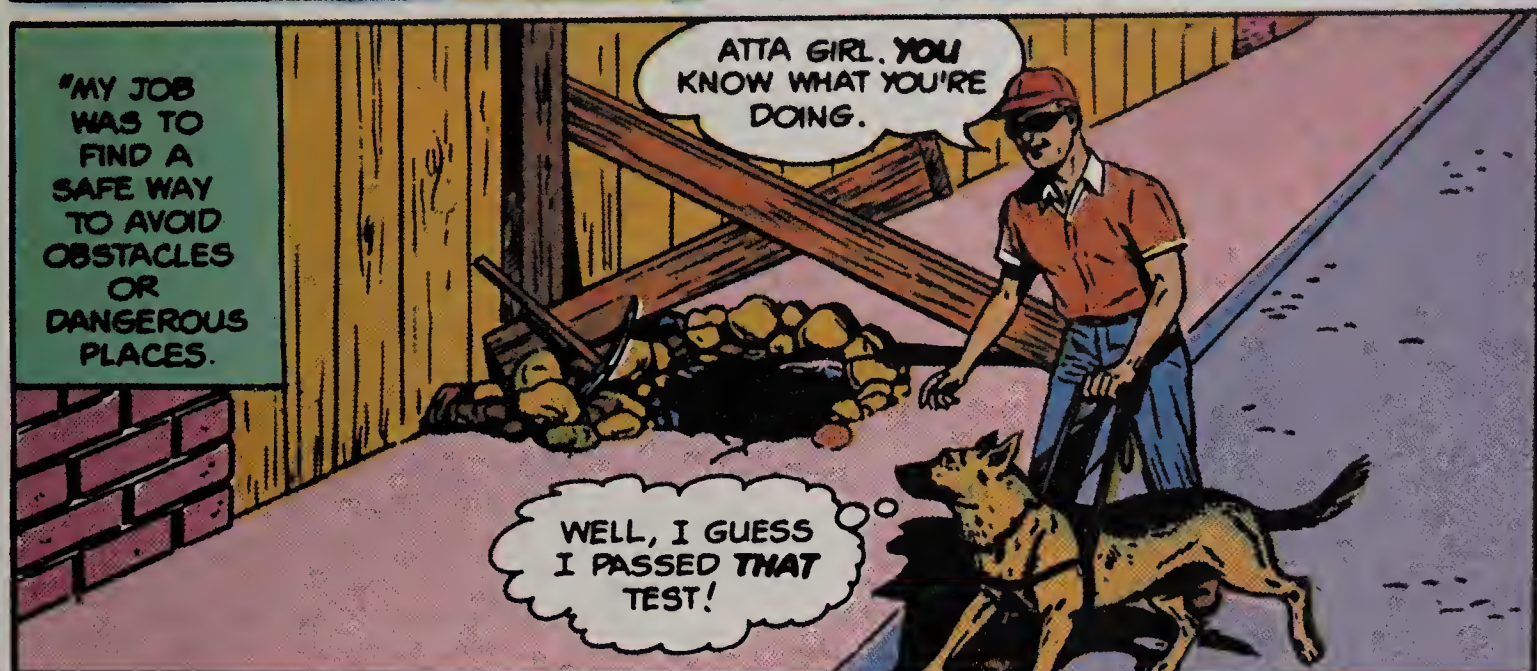
"I'LL LET YOU IN ON A LITTLE SECRET: I'M COLOR BLIND. IN FACT ALL DOGS ARE. NOT BEING ABLE TO TELL A RED TRAFFIC LIGHT FROM GREEN, I HAD TO WATCH FOR MOVING CARS. MY MASTER LISTENED. WHEN HE SAID 'FORWARD' I MADE SURE IT WAS OKAY... THEN TOOK HIM ACROSS SAFELY.



"I HAD MANY OTHER TOUGH THINGS TO LEARN SUCH AS **NOT** CHASING OTHER DOGS ESPECIALLY WHILE GUIDING A MAN!"



"IT WAS VERY HARD TO LEARN TO OBEY ORDERS AT TIMES, BUT EVEN HARDER TO **DISOBEY** ORDERS, SUCH AS IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, WHEN IT WAS NECESSARY TO **STOP** INSTEAD OF OBEYING THE ORDER TO GO FORWARD.



"THE SAME DAY MY SCHOOLING WAS FINISHED (AFTER THREE TOUGH MONTHS) I MET MY MASTER. HE HAD JUST BECOME BLIND. HIS WIFE BROUGHT HIM TO SCHOOL.

BONNIE, I WANT YOU TO MEET YOUR NEW MASTER.



"FIRST MY MASTER HAD TO LEARN TO USE THE **SEEING EYE DOG**. MY TRAINER PRE-TENDED TO BE THE DOG AND LED HIM INTO TOWN TO PRACTICE CROSSING STREETS.

THAT'S IT. JUST RELAX AND FOLLOW ALONG.



"WHEN HE HEARD THE CARS WHIZ BY, HE WONDERED..."

HOW CAN BONNIE EVER LEAD ME ACROSS SUCH A BUSY STREET?

DON'T WORRY! IT WON'T TAKE LONG BEFORE YOU'LL BE PUTTING ALL YOUR CONFIDENCE IN BONNIE.



"SOON IT WAS MY
TURN TO WORK
WITH MY NEW
MASTER..."

FIRST THING YOU'LL HAVE
TO LEARN IS HOW TO TAKE
CARE OF BONNIE.

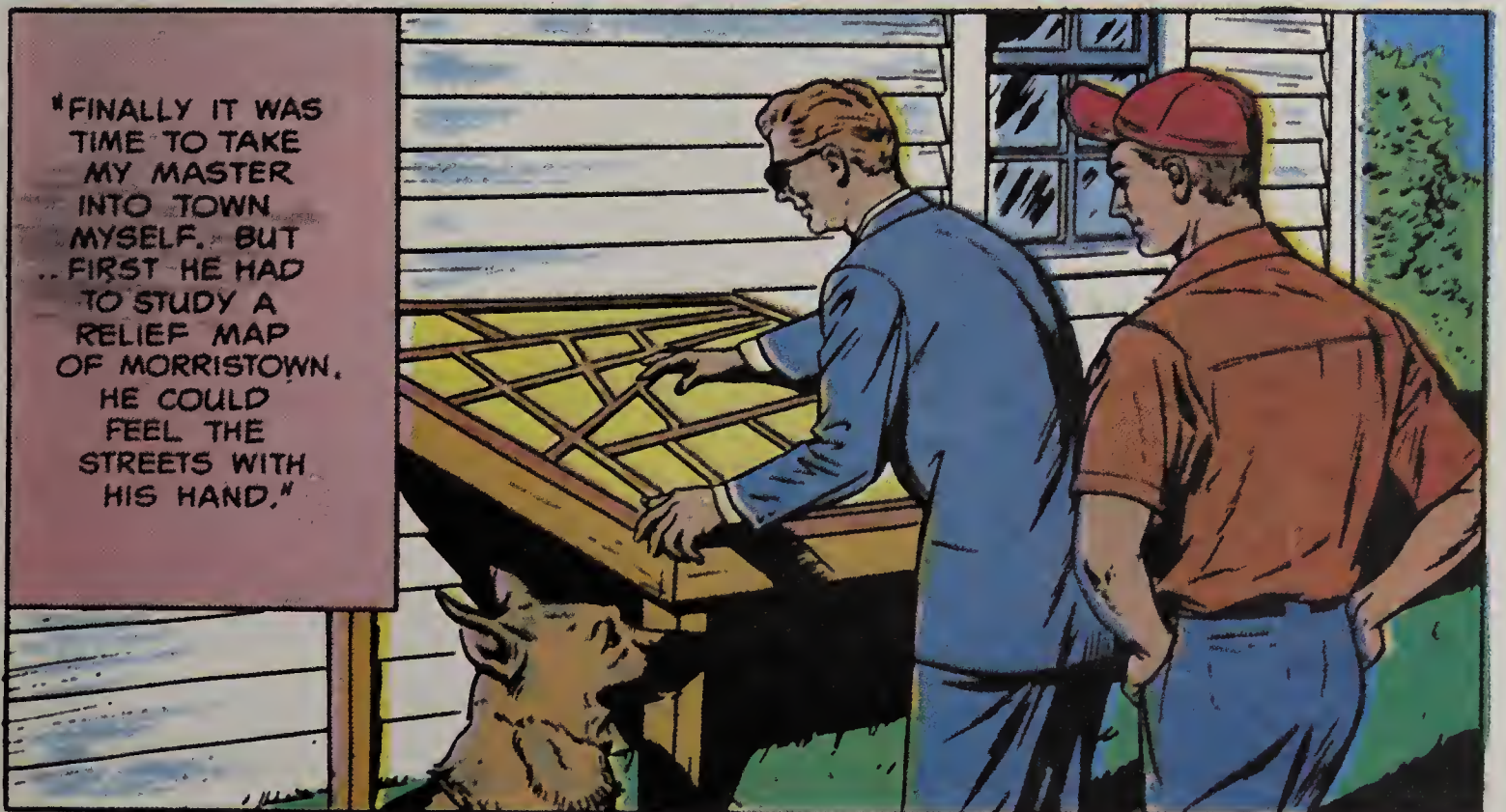


"THE TRAINER
BEGAN SHOWING
HIM WHAT I
COULD DO."

JUST FOLLOW
BONNIE. PUT
YOURSELF IN
HER HANDS.



"FINALLY IT WAS
TIME TO TAKE
MY MASTER
INTO TOWN
MYSELF. BUT
FIRST HE HAD
TO STUDY A
RELIEF MAP
OF MORRISTOWN.
HE COULD
FEEL THE
STREETS WITH
HIS HAND."



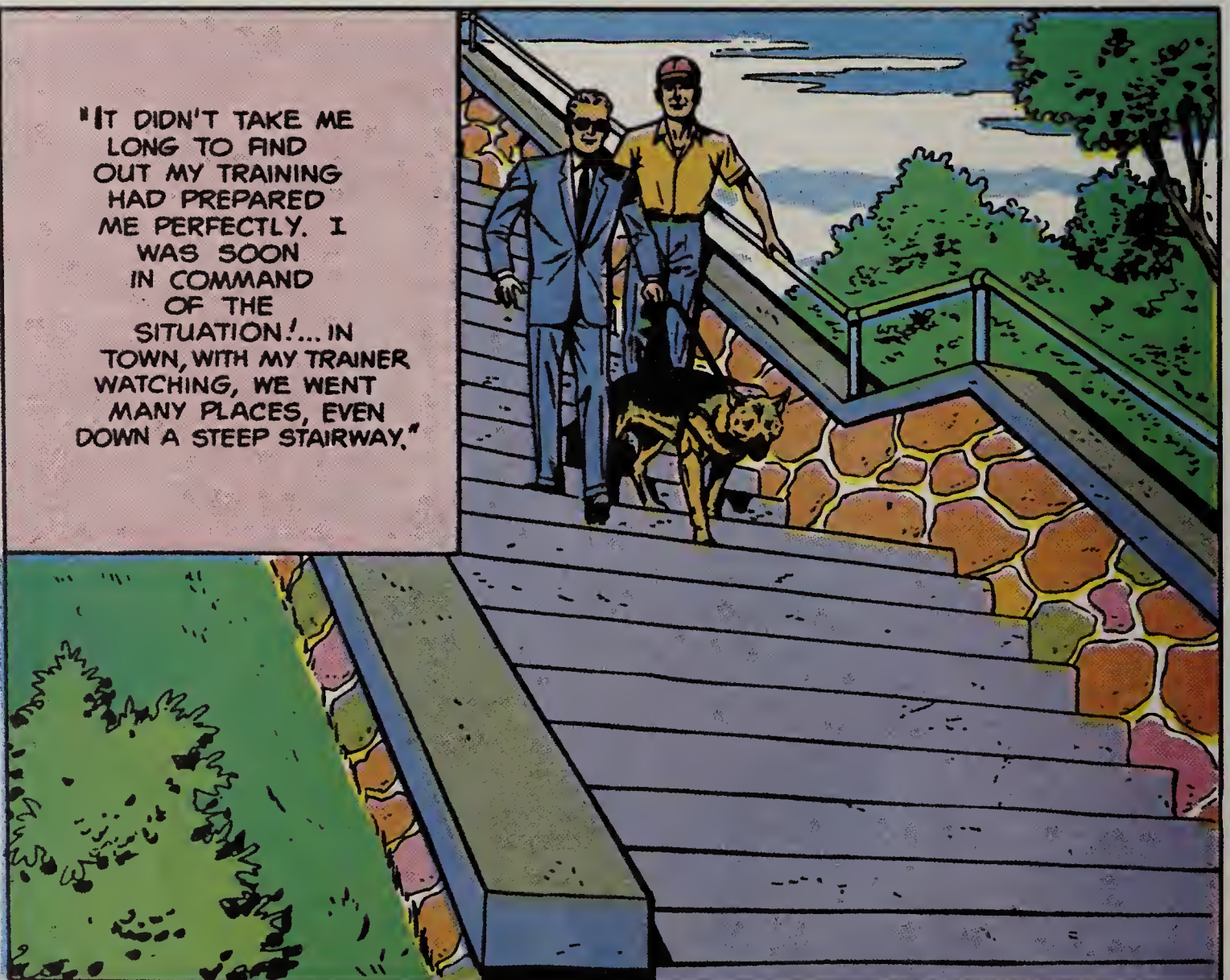
"HE HAD TO KNOW THE STREETS
IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO TELL
ME WHERE HE WANTED TO GO.



"THE NEXT MORNING, THE FINAL
TEST CAME FOR ME. I WAS
WORRIED. WOULD MY MASTER
HAVE CONFIDENCE IN ME? WOULD
I BE GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM?



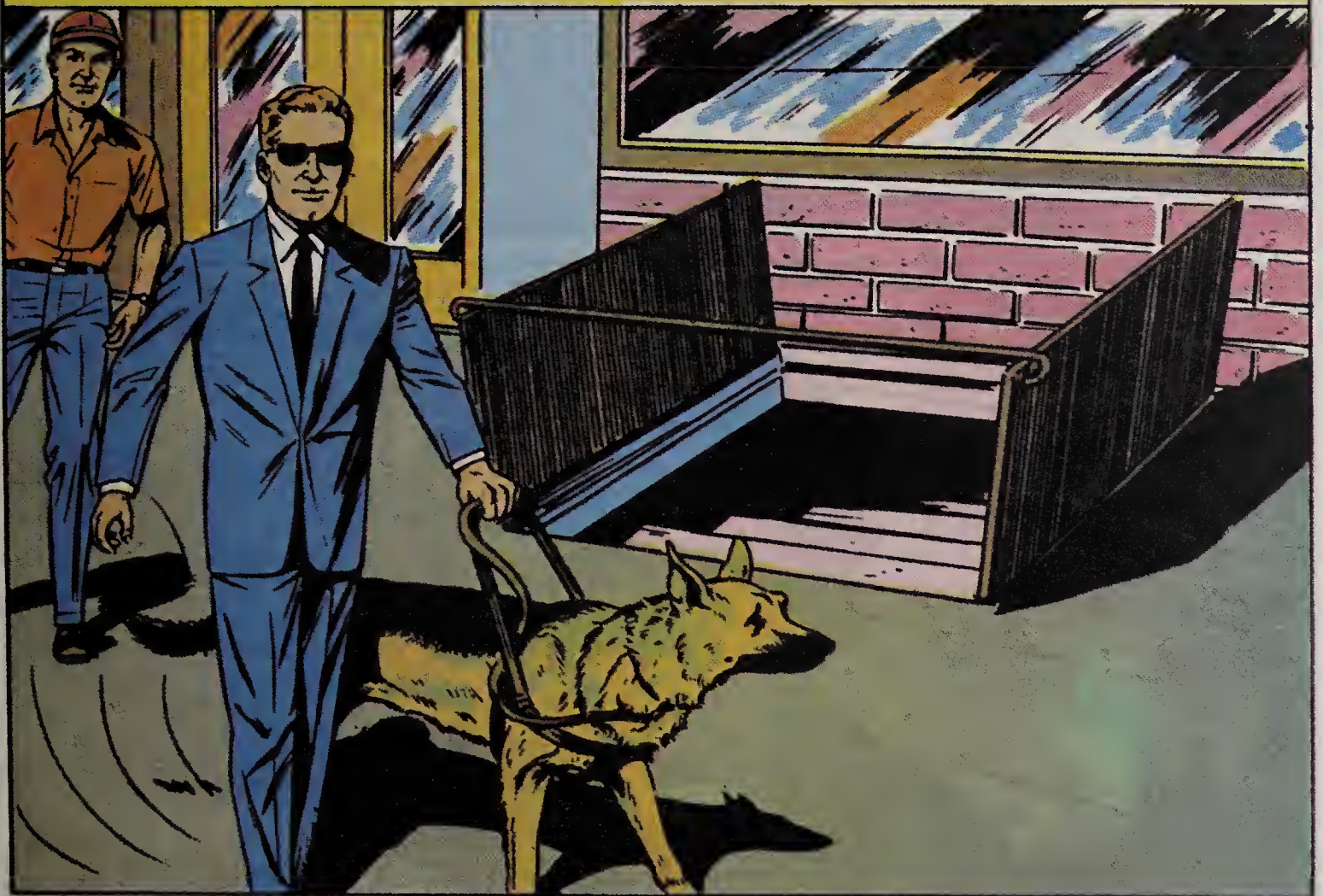
"IT DIDN'T TAKE ME
LONG TO FIND
OUT MY TRAINING
HAD PREPARED
ME PERFECTLY. I
WAS SOON
IN COMMAND
OF THE
SITUATION!... IN
TOWN, WITH MY TRAINER
WATCHING, WE WENT
MANY PLACES, EVEN
DOWN A STEEP STAIRWAY."



"I LED HIM ALONG ROUGH PAVEMENTS LIKE THIS, WITHOUT TRIPPING, EVEN
THOUGH WE WALKED BRISKLY.



"I TOOK HIM AROUND OPEN PLACES LIKE THIS, AVOIDING THE DANGERS MY
MASTER COULD NOT SEE."



"SOON THE
MOMENT CAME
TO BEGIN
CROSSING BUSY
STREETS.
WE WERE
BOTH A LITTLE
AFRAID
ESPECIALLY
WHEN A CAR
WHIZZED AROUND
THE CORNER
IN FRONT
OF US."



WILL
WE EVER
MAKE IT?

"OF COURSE WE DID!"



"...NOW, MY MASTER
COULD TRUST ME
THOROUGHLY!"

BONNIE GIRL, FROM NOW ON WE'RE A
PAIR! ... I'LL NEVER HAVE TO DEPEND
ON ANYONE ELSE!



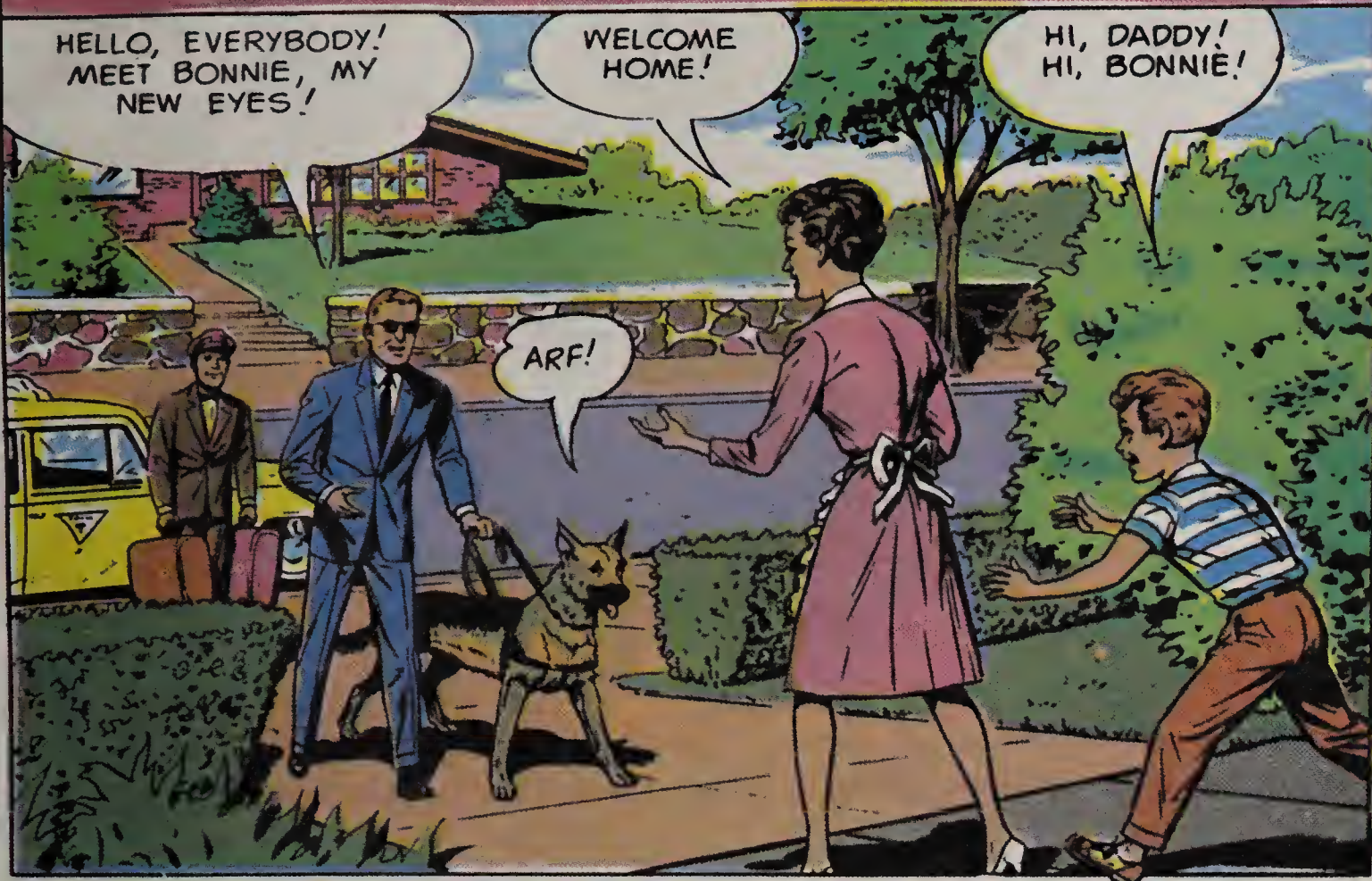
"MY TRAINING WAS OVER! A FEW DAYS LATER WE ARRIVED AT MY NEW AND PERMANENT HOME."

HELLO, EVERYBODY!
MEET BONNIE, MY
NEW EYES!

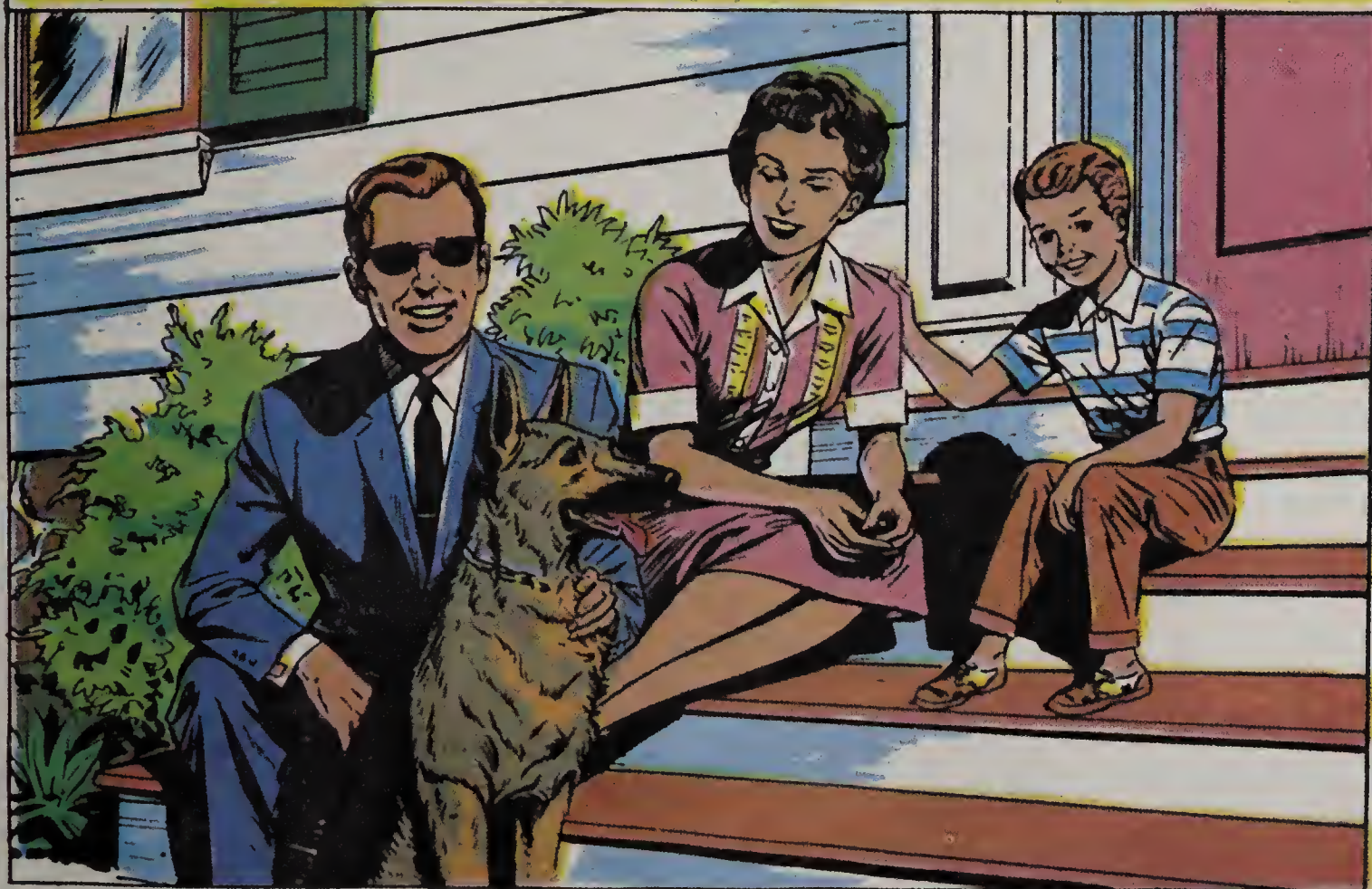
WELCOME
HOME!

HI, DADDY!
HI, BONNIE!

ARF!



"... AND FOR THE RECORD, WE ALL SAT FOR OUR FAMILY PICTURE... IT'S **MY** FAMILY NOW, TOO!"



YES, MY MISSION IN
LIFE IS AN IMPORTANT
ONE. MY MASTER SAYS
HE'S PROUD OF ME.
I'M PROUD OF HIM TOO,
AND PROUD TO BE A
**SEEING EYE
DOG!**



WHILE THERE ARE OTHER DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES, ONLY DOGS TRAINED AT MORRISTOWN, N. J., CAN RIGHTLY BE CALLED "SEEING EYE" DOGS-- THE NAME IS OFFICIALLY REGISTERED IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE SEEING EYE WELCOMES APPLICATIONS FROM PERSONS OF GOOD HEALTH AND GOOD CHARACTER, REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, CREED OR ECONOMIC STATUS. IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS BLIND, TELL HIM THE STORY OF BONNIE.



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